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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to automated dial announcing devices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 55.121, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 55.121. DEFINITIONS [~~DEFINITION~~]. In this subchapter:

(1) "Automated [~~,"automated~~] dial announcing device" means automated equipment used for telephone solicitation or collection that can:

(A) [~~(1)~~] store telephone numbers to be called or produce numbers to be called through use of a random or sequential number generator; and

(B) [~~(2)~~] convey, alone or in conjunction with other equipment, a prerecorded or synthesized voice message to the number called without the use of a live operator.

(2) "Telephone solicitation" includes requesting or advising a person to perform an action.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 55, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 55.1225 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.1225. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies to an automated dial announcing device used to make a telephone call that originates or terminates in this state.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.